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SUBJECT: PONIATOWSKI AND THE FRENCH SALE OF REPROCESSING  
PLANT TO SOUTH KOREA

REF:A)STATE 163867 B)OTTAWA 2605 C)IAEA VIENNA 5942

SUMMARY: TWO HIGH LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT THE  
GOF HAS NOT YET REACHED A FINAL DECISION ON THE SALE OF  
A REPROCESSING PLANT TO SOUTH KOREA. THEY CLAIMED PON-  
IATOWSKI'S DENIAL OF THE PROPOSED SALE IN OTTAWA RESULT-  
ED FROM A MISUNDERSTANDING. CONCEIVABLY, HOW-  
EVER, THE INFLUENTIAL MINISTER OF INTERIOR COULD  
OPPOSE THE SALE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE COURSE OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION, DIRECTOR  
OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET MAURICE ULRICH TOLD  
THE DCM THAT INTERIOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI'S RE-  
MARK IN OTTAWA (REF A & B) WAS INACCURATE, THAT  
PONIATOWSKI WAS NEITHER WELL INFORMED NOR PROPERLY  
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BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT, AND THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE  
CONTINUING WITH THE SOUTH KOREANS.

2. SEPARATELY, MFA DIRECTOR OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

DE NAZELLE TOLD SCIATT THAT PONIATOWSKI WAS SPEAKING OFF-THE-CUFF AND REALLY MEANT TO SAY THAT A FINAL DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN TAKEN ON SELLING A REPROCESSING PLANT TO THE SOUTH KOREANS. DE NAZELLE STRESSED THAT "THERE IS NO NEW ELEMENT" SINCE HE LAST BRIEFED PM DIRECTOR VEST. HE ADDED THAT THE SOUTH KOREANS ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF SAFEGUARDS ON TECHNOLOGY(REF C).

COMMENT: INTERIOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SAFEGUARDS ISSUE AND HIS OTTAWA REMARK MIGHT REFLECT THIS INEXPERIENCE--AS THE QUAI OFFICERS INDICATED. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS CERTAINLY CONCEIVABLE THAT PONIATOWSKI CONCLUDED ON THE SPOT THAT THE RELATIVELY SMALL SALE OF A REPROCESSING PLANT TO SOUTH KOREA WAS NOT WORTH JEOPARDIZING GOOD RELATIONS WITH CANADA, IN PARTICULAR FRENCH URANIUM MINING INTERESTS AND THE PROPOSED MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR ENRICHMENT PLANT IN QUEBEC. AS THE TRUSTED CONFIDANTE OF GISCARD, HE IS IN A POSITION TO BRING HIS VIEWS FORCIBLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION.

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